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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Operations  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Supergrade Promotion Ceremony

1. In a previous incarnation, I suggested to Bill Colby that subsequent to his approval of supergrade promotions, he personally present them to the promotees in the auditorium, the audience to be composed of all supergrades on duty in the Washington area. My motivation was twofold. The first was to enhance the promotion act itself and, second, to give the Director an opportunity to address personally that senior group of individuals which represents the senior management of the Agency. Groups that differ--from Records Management Officers, to Midcareerists, to senior field office chiefs, to DD/O COS's, et cetera--hear the Director from time to time, but I am of the opinion that half the body of supergrades probably have not seen or heard him in any period of memory. He reacted favorably to my suggestion.

2. I am disposed to raise the subject again with Bill, inasmuch as the time is appropriate. He will shortly be receiving thirty-three promotion actions on supergrades. There are on duty in the Washington area approximately [ ] super-grades which would represent the size of the audience.

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3. May I have your reaction either by a telephone call or by any other method you desire.

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